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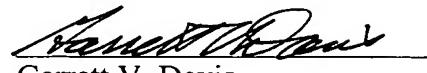
Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, attached is a completed PTO-1449 listing disclosures regarding the subject application. Applicants request that they be considered and made of record in the subject application pursuant to MPEP § 609.

Copies of these disclosures were previously submitted and/or cited in application Serial No. 09/945,812, filed September 5, 2001, which is parent to the subject application. Accordingly, copies of these disclosures are not submitted herewith per 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d). Applicant notes that application Serial No. 09/945,812 is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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